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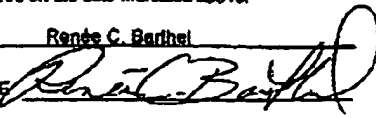
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF FEBRUARY 20, 2004

This Response supplements the "Amendment Accompanying a Request for a Continued Examination" which was filed by Express Mail on April 30, 2004, and provides the following comments, which were also made of record in related U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/327,831, filed December 23, 2002.

In view of the Federal Circuit's recent decision in Dayco Products, Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc., 66 U.S.Q.P.2d 1801 (Fed. Cir. 2003), and out of an abundance of caution, Applicant wants to specifically point out to the Examiner the prior art

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application is in condition for allowance and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

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b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

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